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Applicants : John P. Biel, Jr. et al
Appln. No. : 09/889,620 Art Unit : 1764
Filing Date : July 19, 2001 Examiner : Hien Thi Tran
Confirmation : 7127
For : VACUUM-INSULATED EXHAUST TREATMENT DEVICES WITH
RADIALLY-EXTENDING SUPPORT STRUCTURES

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Col. 1		Col. 2	Col. 3	Small Entity		Other Than A Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total Claims	* 22	Minus	** 23	= 0	x \$9	\$	x \$ 18	\$0.00
Independent Claims	* 1	Minus	*** 4	= 0	x \$44	\$	x \$ 88	\$0.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims					x \$150	x \$300	\$	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$		\$0.00	

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1. Small entity status of this application 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted or is enclosed.
2. X No additional fee is required.
3. A check in the amount of \$_____.00 is attached.
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Respectfully submitted,

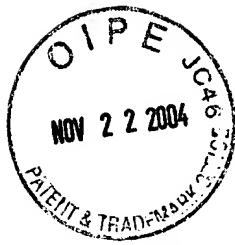
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RESPONSE

In response to the Office action dated October 05, 2004, the above-identified patent application is hereby amended as follows.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION begin on page 2 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 5 of this paper.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **APPENDIX** including missing pages 7 and 8 from the originally filed corresponding PCT application is attached following page 11 of this paper.